

State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
August 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Meeting locations:

This meeting was held at:

Videoconferencing:

Delaware Department of Labor Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Pencader Corporate Center 225 Pencader Blvd. Newark, DE 19702	Delaware Department of Labor Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Blue Hen Corporate Center, Suite 2 H Dover, DE 19901
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SRC Council Members Present:

Lisa Furber – Chair
Alvin Emory
Monica Edgar
Janie Libby (teleconference)
Mila Wells Hathaway (teleconference)

General Attendees Present:

Sharon Boland – DVR
Ellen Coulston
Karen DiNardo
Andrea Guest - DVR
Jocelyn Langrehr – DVR
Robin McKinney-Newman - DOL
Jackie Poquette
Loretta Sarro
Cindy Sterling

Members Absent:

Dale Matusevich
Clem Coulston

Welcome

Lisa began the meeting at 12:05 p.m. by welcoming the group and thanking everyone for attending. Attendees self-introduced themselves. Lisa announced that the June meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum so she deferred the item.

Director's Report

DVR Update

Andrea noted that DVR's focus was still the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), noting that the legislation has brought many program changes. The biggest shift was the 15% budget allocation to the Pre-Employment Transition Services for youth between the ages of 14 and 21.

Section 511

Andrea commented about the Section 511 part of the law; referring to people with disabilities in subminimum wage situations. DVR is currently working with Section 511 individuals, accessing

their situation regarding competitive employment.

Regulations Feedback

Andrea also noted that Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is collecting feedback regarding the federal VR regulations until September 20. To contribute, go the United States Department of Education website and search for WIOA regulations.

Basic Skills for Employment

Andrea mentioned one of the Employment Specialist Unit's business goals is to get people prepared for employment. She discussed that soft skills training and interview preparation are keys as well as employer expectations. In addition, we have found that clients also need basic computer skills. She asked the group for feedback regarding skills training that people need to have for successful employment skills.

NDEAM

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. DVR will be sending out social media related material in addition to creating a special newsletter.

State Budget

DVR is approaching the federal fiscal year end on October 1. The Tuition ban has been lifted; priority will go to people who want to pursue a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling. We can continue to hire; our positions are all federal positions except for Loretta (the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). Additionally, the travel ban has been lifted.

SRC Report

Joint Meeting with DVI

Lisa discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with the Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired SRC's committee for the next SRC meeting in October. Only a few members of the DVI SRC group would be invited including the chair, Kevin McAllister. It would be an extended meeting and the agenda would include some training about SRC for new members.

National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils

Lisa discussed the National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils, a free membership organization of national SRC's. She noted that the DVR SRC has participated in the past and we can join again by completing a resolution to join. She asked for a member who would agree to listen and participate in calls. There were no responses at the time.

Save the Date - 2017 Transition Conference

The DVR Transition Conference will be December 5 at the Dover Downs. Ellen Coulston is helping to plan this year's conference with Sandi Miller and Dale Matusevich. A discussion about the Career Pathways followed and how options of utilizing the concept vary at schools throughout the state. There was a suggestion to connect the Transition Conference with the Pathways Conference. Ellen noted that the Employment First Committee does not have an APSE Chapter (Association of People Supporting Employment First). Cindy Sterling noted that she started a PT Chapter and that resources including a large group, place to meet, bylaws would be needed. In addition, a consideration of all of the other groups that serve this same population needs to be taken into thought.

Membership

Lisa stated that there are several new memberships pending approval; other new members were asked to complete applications. Lisa stated that she has held over her membership for some time and is not eligible for reappointment. She will work through transition to help the new people onboard as well as complete some tasks before she resigns. She wants to help with the Annual

Report, the Statewide Needs Assessment, the SRC piece for the State Plan, and the Consumer Satisfaction Survey Results. Lisa also discussed the binder with the SRC information for new members. She also stated that members may receive either a letter at home or the Secretary of Labor may receive a letter of notification first. In the meantime, new members who have not been appointed yet are encouraged to attend but they cannot vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings: October 9, December 11 (SRC Awards Luncheon)

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